

Do I have this correct? Sinclair Broadcasting uses the airwaves free of charge, and therefore is obligated to serve the public interest.

Why, then, are they being allowed to show a viciously anti-Kerry film just before the November Election without offering equal time to Kerry?

This is unconscionable. The FCC needs to step in and either mandate that Sinclair's stations show, perhaps "Going Upriver", or not allow "Stolen Honor" to be shown.

To show it would be blatant political partisanship, and certainly against the principles of good journalism and democracy.

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Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.